

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, November 14th, 2023, at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/JA with a salute to the flag.

Commissioners present: C/ALBRECHT
 C/JOHNSON
 C/LUBY -Absent
 C/GEERLINGS
 C/LAWLOR
 T/SAUER
 S/BROAS

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from October 2023. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for November 2023 that totaled \$66,380.78 for the general fund. Motion by C/JA seconded by C/EJ to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all.

Open Meeting to the Public -
None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Letters from Secretary Murphy
- Fire District Affairs
- Letter from Jeff Cady
- Perma letter
- Resolution from Town of Pleasant Valley
- Letter from Kenneth Wallace

Membership

- Sean McKeever – 37 Krom Dr, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
- Austin Dean – 1983 Salt Point Tpke, Salt Point, NY 12578
- Chloe Camburn – 12 Cream St, Hyde Park, NY 12538
- Andrew Fanuele – 292 Lakeshore Dr, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- The tanker that was supposed to come down in November is not ready. I will keep everyone updated when it is ready to be shown.
- The UTV trailer needs to be insured and registered. FF Murphy will do the DMV trip once the insurance is taken care of.

Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- Lights have been painted, the doors have been painted, the signs have been put back up.
- Flowerpots will need to be replaced next year. They were about 15 years old and started to crack when we moved them.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- C/WG went over the quote to replace the doors which was \$31,000 to replace the overhead doors. To replace the bottom portion of the doors is \$6,000.00. I will get other prices.
- There are issues with phones again. C/WG called Superior they are supposed to go look at them tomorrow.
- There is an issue with the internet as well at station 2. C/WG will - follow up with IT tomorrow to try and see if the incoming Wi-Fi is an issue.
- Cameras at station 2 are not working.
- The lights at the back of the building are from dusk to dawn can we get motion LED's out there? Yes we will work on getting them changed.
- Gutters in the back of the building don't seem to be on, correct? Can we please have them looked at? We will contact Eric Foster to look at them.

- Can we get the key fobs for the Auxiliary turned back on? This is an issue at both stations.

Insurance Committee:

- C/WG will call Keith tomorrow to check and make sure the UTV is insurance and get the insurance on the trailer.

Service Award Committee:

- None

Policies:

- Vest policy – As per our attorney, it is considered a PPE so we can't pick and choose who they are being handed out to. He is recommending that they be put on the ambulances until we get the policy and
- Active member policy – NYS law is active, active life, and nonactive life, that is all the district can do. C/ML will send out what was forwarded to her from the lawyer to be reviewed and discussed at the workshop. The fire companies can do their own levels of membership.

Safety:

- None

Officer's Reports – District Chief Cosenza reported the following:

- Discussion on the vests.
- Need Executive Session

1st Assistant Chief –AC/Broas reported the following: SEE HIS REPORT

- UTV project, SOG has been handed out for review. Make changes and give them back to us. We are basing the training off the Cam Am training. Discussion on all of what is going on. We would like to start taking it to other locations to start training with it now that we have a trailer it will be easier to get it around for training locations. To upfit the trailer it will be \$5814.00. The ratchet tie down system e-track will cost roughly \$44.90.

- The hitch will stay with trailer now not with the vehicles. We would like to keep it over by the dumpster. We will have to get a new location for the plow for the winter. We talked about getting a coupler lock for it.
- The updated quote for the lighting on the trailer, lights will run off the batteries in the trailer. \$5814.00 is the new quote from Brain Parr for lighting.
- We would like to get the project over and done with so we would like to get the graphics done now as well. It will be less than \$2500.00.
- Pagers are on order and should be here in the next week or two.
- New drivers when can they start training? C/WG will get a good answer tomorrow should be able to start training within a few days of handing in the paperwork to the Board.
- Turn out gear will be having a price increase January 1st. Delivery is about 5 months right now. Let's get it ordered.
- Do we have permission to go to the local Parade of Light Events which would include LaGrange, Millbrook, Pleasant Valley. Yes that is fine.

2nd Assistant Chief –AC/Cronk reported the following:

- Absent

Captain Rescue Squad – Rescue Captain Ferris reported the following:

- Thank you for sending the 3 members to the CME last weekend. Will have them put the paper together. MTO Murphy will get the form to them to fill out.
- 9 open PCR's right now. Discussion on how to get two of them closed for someone who is no longer a member of the district. We will call the State.
- New AED's will be going on the rigs in the next couple of weeks.
- 56-72 can we have a strap put in to lock in the boards. We will have Hendrickson look at it.
- I would like to look at Cardiac Go Bags, we were supposed to do have this done 2 years ago, so please look at it and get it done. Get pricing back to us.
- In the EMS room there was a red bag left that had leaves, duct tape, blood and trauma shears. Can we look at the cameras to see who

put that in the EMS room? We need to provide education to the members.

- There is a FASNY EMS CME - Jan 27 would we be able to send people to it.
- C/ML had a conversation with the town about increasing the hours for 2024. We didn't get an answer back from them yet.
- RFT if we are not going to do that right now can we concentrate on operation in the hot zone training?

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- We are going to start using the old NAPA building for training. We will be smoking it out and ventilating it Thursday night.
- I will put plywood on the windows to protect them.
- From now until the end of the year 1 of us will be off almost each day. FF Schmelz and FF Lynch now have 40 hours of vacation time to use.
- Kenny Garron would like to come back as a Per Diem Firefighter. He can start to fill some November and December days. That is fine.
- A request was sent for us to host Swift Water awareness it was sent to the county and then to the state. I don't think we will hear anything until Spring.
- I can start working on the Spring Sloper Grant for AED's, yes let's keep using that to replace the AED's.
- We will be in contact with the Library for CPR and AED training.
- Can we invite our mutual aid companies in for training out front. We need to make a list of dos and don'ts for training in the building.

PURCHASING APPROVALS

1. Broken knob on 56-33 for \$8.50
2. 4 Gallons of Smoke Fluid
3. Office Supplies - \$48.67
4. Dehumidifier for Quartermaster room - \$79.99
5. Alum tubing to repair outside lights - \$7.51
6. Cleaning supplies for both station 1 and station 2 - \$574.55
7. Fire Police Jackets - \$729.00
8. EMS backpack for UTV - \$294.95

C/JA made a motion to approval all purchased listed above it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion by AC/Broas on the update with the UTV quotes.

New Business:

- When C/ML was at the conference in Tuscon last week they discussed NFIRS will be cloud based in the next couple of years. FF Murphy would love to be able to be a BETA district for them.
- It is ok to do the Santa Run for station 1. There was a discussion on the Santa run for station 2, it really needs to be figure out how to get it done this year.
- Secretary Broas announced that parents need to go with any new applicant under 18 when they get their physical.
- Station 2 update of activities for the rest of the year
 - 11/25 will be load day for trees for troops
 - 12/2 will be vendor fair and Pet photos with Santa
 - 12/9 is the Family Christmas Party
 - 12/16 is Wreaths Across America we would like permission to take 1 or 2 cars to Saratoga National Cemetery to be there again.
- What is the status of the landscaping request? A discussion was held on this.
- T/Sauer discussed line transfers he needs to take care of for the month, C/JAW made a motion for the budget line transfers and it was seconded by C/WG and all were in favor.

**FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 2023 FOR 2024 BUDGET FOR
FIRE DISTRICT OVERRIDING TAX CAP**

**PLEASANT VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 1:
OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2024 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2024 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 18, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 18, 2023 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2024 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2024 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the

case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2024 budget to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap with an increase in said tax levy over the two (2%) percent limit and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$1,893,805.00, and

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Albrecht)
Commissioner Johnson)
Commissioner Lawlor) AYES
Commissioner Geerling)
Commissioner Luby) ABSENT

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York
November 14, 2023

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JA seconded by C/WG to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person(s) or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 2215 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2220 hours, and with no further business coming before the Board C/ML made a motion to adjourn at 2221 and it was seconded by C/WG, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary